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1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO AT END OF RECENT VISIT TO CANADA. CHISTOFF, EXTAFF DEP DIR EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF THIS UNILATERAL RUSSIAN STATEMENT SINCE GOC POLICY IS NOT TO JOIN IN JOINT COMMUNIQUES OF FONMIN-LEVEL VISITS.

2. QUOTE: OUR OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA IS COMING TO AN END. WE ARE LEAVING OTTAWA WITH GOOD FEELINGS, CONSCIOUS THAT THE HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO US HERE REFLECTS THE ATTITUDE OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE TOWARDS THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

3. "OUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER P.E. TRUDEAU HAS GIVEN US GREAT SATISFACTION. WE CONVEYED TO MR. TRUDEAU CORDIAL GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION LEONID I. BREZHNEV AND HIS BEST WISHES TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE. IN THE COURSE OF OUR FRIENDLY TALK WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE OUR ASSESSMENTS OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND OF THE PROSPECTS OF DEVELOPING
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SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS.

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4. "DURING OUR TALKS WITH THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MR. MACEACHEN WE DISCUSSED MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ALSO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN A BUSINESS-LIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

5. "TODAY WE CAN SAY WITHOUT EXAGERATION THAT SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE FURTHER DEVELOPED.

6. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE ENGAGING IN POLITICAL CONTACTS ON A REGULAR BASIS. OUR TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL EXCHANGES HAVE ALSO BEEN WIDENING.

7. "AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS WAS THE MEETING BETWEEN LEONID I. BREZHNEV AND PIERRRE E. TRUDEAU IN HELSINKI. IT CONFIRMED THE READINESS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO DEEPEN SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION.

8. "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE MODERN WORLD IS TO FILL INTERNATIONAL DETENTE WITH CONCRETE MATERIAL CONTENT, TO MAKE IT IRREVERSIBLE AND TO EXTEND IT TO ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD. OUR TALKS IN OTTAWA HAVE SHOWN THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE USSR AND CANADA COINCIDE OR ARE CLOSE ON SUCH IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AS THE STRENGTHENING OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, A COMPLETE AND UNIVERSAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES.

9. "WE HAD A CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WITH THE CANADIAN SIDE ON THE PROPOSALS OF THE SOVIET UNION SUBMITTED TO THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY "ON BANNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS" AND "ON THE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND UNIVERSAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS". GREAT ATTENTION WAS ALSO DEVOTED TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. OF COURSE, WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THERE ARE FORCES IN THE WORLD WHICH WANT TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, TO CHECK THE POSITIVE CHANGES IN UNCLASSIFIED

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THIS IS WHAT PROMPTS THE HIGH MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL THOSE WHO STAND FIRM ON THE REAL FOUNDATION OF ENSURING PEACE AND SECURITY OF PEOPLES.

10. "WE REGARD THE EXCHANGES OF OPINIONS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AS VERY FRUITFUL. IT CAN BE STATED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE USSR AND CANADA ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY. THANKS TO THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF

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BOTH SIDES A NEW IMPETUS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO TRADE AND ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TIES.

11 "WE SHOULD LIKE TO NOTE WITH GRATIFICATION THAT DURING OUR VISIT TO CANADA SOVIET-CANADIAN FISHERIES TALKS WERE SUCCESS-FULLY COMPLETED. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROMOTE THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

12" THE EXPERIENCE OF SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS GRAPHICALLY PROVES HOW FRUITFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS CAN BE WHEN THEY ARE BUILT UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND BUSINESSLIKE COOPERATION, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT.

13. "I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A.MACEACHEN HAS ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

14. "LEAVING THE SOIL OF FRIENDLY CANADA I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND TO THE CITIZENS OF YOUR CAPITAL, OTTAWA, FOR THEIR FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY. END QUOTE.

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